IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Doverspike et al.

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Examiner: Nguyen, Dustin

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For: METHOD FOR NETWORK LAYER RESTORATION USING SPARE INTERFACES CONNECTED TO A RECONFIGURABLE TRANSPORT

NETWORK

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MAIL STOP RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 28, 2008

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 28, 2008 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 2, 2009 with a one month extension of time, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicants believe that a one month extension of time fee and a request for continued examination (RCE) fee are due in connection with this response. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's credit card account in accordance with the enclosed PTO-2038 form.

Furthermore, in the event that the Commissioner is unable to obtain the necessary fees from Applicants' credit card account, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-4802/ATT/2002-0154 for the one month extension of time fee, RCE fee and any additional fees, excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.